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SUBJECT: TAP CHARTERS

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1. APRIL 20 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS REPORTED THAT AT NEW YORK CEREMONY ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER MARION SOARES, TAP ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL BEGIN THIS SUMMER CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM "VARIOUS" U.S. CITIES TO LISBON AND "AZOREAN CITIES." TAP DELEGATION REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED "A GREAT CONQUEST" ITS HAVING OBTAINED PERMISSION FOR DIRECT CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO THE AZORES. TAP EXPECVS ITS U.S. SALES THIS YEAR TO REACH \$25 MILLION.

2. IN APRIL 11 CEREMONY OPENING LISBON AIRPORT'S FIRST DUTY-FREE SHOP, TAP PRESIDENT GOMES MOTA OUTLINED AIRLINES'S PRESENT SITUATION AND FUTURE INTENTIONS. TAP'S DEFICIT IS EXPECTED TO DROP FROM 1.2 BILLION ESCUDOS (\$39.6 MILLION AT 1976 AVERAGE RATE) IN 1976 TO 300 MILLION ESCUDOS (\$7.8 MILLION AT CURRENT RATE) IN 1977. BUT FOR FULLY RECOVERY OF COMPANY, MOTA SAID, GOP NEEDS TO RENEGOTIATE BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNED FROM 1940'S
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TO 1960'S, WHICH WERE "EXTREMELY LIBERAL" FOR AIRLINES OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE TAP PRESIDENT, GOP MUST DEFEND THE INTERESTS OF TAP, "AS THE PUBLIC ENTERPRISE THAT IT IS."

3. COMMENT: A) LOCAL TWA MANAGER STATES THAT TWA HAD TO CANCEL SEVERAL CHARTERS PLANNED FOR LAJES, INCLUDING

ONE FOR 1P TOURISTS FROM SAN FRANCISCO, BECAUSE OF GOP
FAILURE TO GRANT PERMISSION TO USE LAJES (REFTEL.
B) IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS TAP'
FINANCIAL DIRECTOR WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS SANGUINE ABOUT
1977 PROSPECTS. HE WOULD ONLY PREDICT THAT LOSS WOULD
DROP BELOWU1 BILLION ESCUDOS (\$25.8 MILLION). APRIL 20
"A LUTA" REPORTED STATEMENT BY NATIONAL OIL COMPANY
(PETROGAL) OFFICIALS THAT FELLOW PUBLIC ENTERPRISES OWE
PETROGAL OVER 2 BILLION ESCUDOS (\$51.6 MILLION. HALF
OF THAT IS OWWD BY TAP.
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